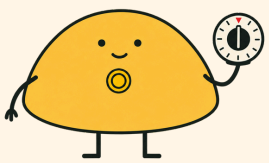
# How to Declutter Your Closet



## 26 things to check in a flowchart and 7 sessions, and where each one goes

1. Set up a trash bag, a donate bag, a textile bag and one small box with today's date on it.
2. One session per 15-minute timer, in order: trash, things that live elsewhere, obvious donations, then the flowchart.
3. When the timer rings, stop and take the bags out of the room.

### KEEP OR DONATE? GO DOWN IN ORDER

- [ ] 1. Stained, torn, won't fix? → textile recycling or trash
- [ ] 2. Doesn't fit now or feel good? → donate or sell
- [ ] 3. Worn in last 90 days or next 90? → keep
- [ ] 4. A similar piece you like more? → donate this one
- [ ] Still not sure → dated box, out of sight

### 1 · CLOSET FLOOR

- [ ] Trash, tags, shopping bags → trash or recycle
- [ ] Things from other rooms → take them back
- [ ] Dirty clothes → hamper
- [ ] Shoes → pair up, or session 6

### 2 · EASY STUFF, WHOLE CLOSET

- [ ] Holes, stains, broken zippers → textile bag or trash
- [ ] Doesn't fit you now → donate bag
- [ ] Itches or feels bad to wear → donate bag
- [ ] Colors you don't like on you → donate bag

## 3 · TOPS

- [ ] Every top → the flowchart
- [ ] Many of the same kind → keep favorites, donate rest

## 4 · PANTS, JEANS, SKIRTS

- [ ] Each piece → the flowchart
- [ ] Two that do the same job → keep the one you reach for

## 5 · DRESSES, JACKETS, COATS

- [ ] Each piece → the flowchart
- [ ] Out-of-season pieces → judge on the last season

## 6 · SHOES & BAGS

- [ ] Shoes that hurt → donate if in good shape
- [ ] Worn-out shoes → trash
- [ ] Bags you don't use → donate

## 7 · SHELF, HANGERS, MAKE IT FIT

- [ ] Boxes and bins → open and decide
- [ ] Sentimental pieces → leave for last
- [ ] Extra hangers → donate or recycle
- [ ] Rod still too full → favorites first, stop when full

**Still stuck on a piece? Two questions from the guide:**

"Does this spark joy?" (Marie Kondo)

"If I needed this item, would it occur to me that I already had one?" (Dana K. White)

Donate only pieces in good shape (IRS: "good used condition or better" for deductions). Textile drop-offs vary by area: check your local program. Steps and clothing rules: Dana K. White (A Slob Comes Clean); 90/90 rule: The Minimalists. Details and sources are in the full guide at onespothome.com/how-to-declutter-your-closet.

